

**Pioneer Homes Storage Facilities Construction****FY2008 Request: \$648,000****Reference No: AMD42839****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012**Project Type:** Construction**Contact:** Janet Clarke**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1630**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Anchorage, Palmer and Fairbanks Pioneer Homes need storage space for cleaning, activity, physical therapy supplies, furnishings, fixtures and equipment. These items are currently stored in resident rooms eliminating the ability to fill that room and collect monthly receipts. In addition, equipment stored outside is subject to weather and moisture damage. The funds will purchase a prefabricated storage unit for the Anchorage and Palmer Homes and an addition to the existing Fairbanks Pioneer Home garage.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Gen Fund	\$648,000						\$648,000
Total:	\$648,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$648,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

This is the first year of the project.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This request is for the design and construction of storage areas at the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Palmer Pioneer Homes.

Ten vacant resident rooms in the Anchorage Home and five in the Palmer Home are currently used to store cleaning, activity, physical therapy supplies and furnishings and fixtures. Future demands for storing and stock piling supplies necessary to meet continuation of operation under pandemic flu and disaster preparedness planning will increase the storage needs. The Anchorage and Palmer Pioneer Homes estimate that the disaster supplies will require an additional four and two resident rooms, respectively.

The Pioneer Homes need storage space to maintain the continuity of operations (COOP) mandated under the Department's pandemic flu and disaster preparedness plan. As part of the Department's continuing effort to update this plan, a recent in-house evaluation determined that there is a lack of space in the three Pioneer Homes to stockpile necessary and life saving supplies. The Pioneer Homes must be prepared for any disaster with their own supplies so that their 24-hour resident facilities, with many of the residents frail, do not adversely stress the supplies of hospitals, clinics and public health centers if a natural disaster or pandemic flu occur. The required storage will house supplies such as the personal protective equipment necessary for flu outbreaks and adequate potable water for all residents for an extended period of time. Complicating the problem is that resident rooms are currently being used to store the necessary COOP supplies, as well as cleaning, activity, and physical therapy supplies, furnishings, fixtures and equipment. This results in the inability to rent these rooms and collect monthly receipts.

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Rather than utilizing resident rooms, the Anchorage and Palmer Home each require approximately a 1,500 square foot storage building that includes 50% warm space with the remainder being enclosed dry space. The structure would be a new pre-engineered metal building with a metal roof. The proposed storage facility was professionally designed and engineered as part of the veteran's home conversion project at the Palmer Veteran's and Pioneer Home, but was an unfunded alternate. A cost estimate of \$135,000 for the storage unit was developed during planning for the conversion project in 2004. Since that time, construction costs have increased 30%, and an additional 30% has to be added to the cost because the storage units are not being done as part of a larger project. This estimate is used as the basis for this request for all three homes.

The Fairbanks Home currently stores supplies, furniture, beds, wheelchairs, etc. in the vehicle garage. This results in expensive vehicles being stored outside subject to weather and moisture damage. The home requires a 1,200 square foot addition to the garage to be used for storage. This is the most economical way to increase storage capacity since the garage already has electrical and fuel oil connections.

The alternative to this request would be to lose additional resident rooms or rent space and use paid staff time to retrieve stored items.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing a home for additional seniors. Alaska Pioneer Homes promote health and well being through the service they provide for Alaska's seniors.

The end result to which this project contributes is "Provide a safe environment for Alaska pioneers and veterans."